

# Weekly Citizen

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## AMERICAN WINES

The wine industry of the United States is destined to assume much greater proportions in the next few years than it has ever had before, and the climate and soil of New Mexico continue to render this territory the best wine-growing district in the country, notwithstanding California, for it is well known that the best wines now made in the state are made from the Mission grape, which grows to greater perfection in New Mexico than in California. Owing to the devastation that has been wrought among the vineyards of France and Italy by the phylloxera, which threatens to totally destroy the wine industry in those countries in a very few years, the portion of the United States is now attracting general attention as the youngest wine-producing district in the world. It is stated, upon the authority of official statistics, that three-fourths of all the vineyards of France and Italy have been totally destroyed by the phylloxera within the last five years, and those that remain are rapidly yielding to the plague. The Washington Post, in a comprehensive article on this subject, reviewing the situation says:

"Five years ago Spain produced a tonne the amount of grapefruit juice harvested there last year, and the same thing is true of Germany. The worst thing about the misfortune in those countries is that, besides the vines in those countries, all the other means of production have been destroyed, and they have either been without result or only partial and temporary in their effect. The fact is the vineyards of Europe, where wine has been produced continuously for a thousand years, for the most part, will not, and what is needed for successful wine cultivation is a change of methods."

## WILL DO'S GOOD

Devotees of the fine wines of this territory just assure us the New Mexican idea of good. To turn up the Peñoncillo valley in the mountains of the Pecos to Raton, they had a chance to see a comparative portion of the country and some of the best parts of it, and in their enthusiasm for paving the road they have an opportunity for gathering a good deal of information about the country's resources, its soil, topography, its products, its climate, which they can use to advantage when they return to their homes. New Mexico will continue to derive benefit from their visit for years to come, and whenever any question comes up relative to this territory they will be able to do so more naturally and intelligently, as far as the production of wine is concerned, than any other man in the country. A good position to know and hold that before the United States will find the world in the production of the grape, and that the world will have to depend almost entirely on this production for its supply of first-class wines. For ten years past great quantities of red and white still wines have been shipped from this country to Europe, and it is predicted that it will not be many years before the American champagnes will be equal to the best products of France. In California alone there are 150,000 acres planted in vines, and last year there were produced from this acreage \$7,000,000 gallons of wine, valued at \$21,000,000, and giving employment to 10,000 men. Butterberries, it is said, are produced in Arizona as in the famous Xeres wine district of Spain, and the best port known in this country is made from grapes grown in New Mexico."

That will give the reader an idea of the proportions which this industry has already assumed in California, which is the best illustration we could have of the extent to which it can be developed, and to which it probably will be developed, in this territory. A little has already been done here, in that direction though hardly enough to be called a commencement, but the paragraph which we take from the Post shows that the merits of New Mexico as a wine-producing district are becoming known to the world, and the total destruction of the vineyards of France, Italy and Germany, which now seems inevitable, and matter of only a very few years, will give a wonderful impetus to the wine-making industry of this territory, and it need not be a matter of surprise if the wine product of New Mexico should bring more money, ten or fifteen years hence, than our cattle and wool combined.

**CLEVELAND ON NEW YORK.**  
Ex President Cleveland in his address to the business men of New York only made use of a sentence which is very significant. He said, "Can anyone doubt that the political verdict which the people in New York will give in November next will affect her position in the general national engagement, which will take place one year hence?"

**WANTED: MORE DWELLINGS.**  
The supply of business buildings in Albuquerque is fairly keeping pace with the demand, but we cannot too often call the attention of those with money to invest to the fact that the demand for good, comfortable dwelling houses, of moderate size, is already in advance of the supply, and is increasing every day. The advertising that this section is now receiving in all parts of the country, especially with reference to the benefits and advantages which the climate offers to invalids, is attracting the attention of very large numbers of people in the east and south, and many of these are now seeking this section as a place of residence, and when this accession to the population is added to the rapid business growth of the town it makes a demand for dwellings which the efforts of our own people are not able to meet. No one familiar with the situation will hesitate to put money into this kind of property, because all such know that investments of this kind are profitable and safe, but the trouble is that Albuquerque is just like nearly all other towns in the west, and the people are already using every cent of capital they can command; there is no lack of confidence in the investment or faith in the town; they know that the investment will pay a big return, and they do not doubt that the town will continue to grow, causing the property to increase in value, but the fellow who could have bought half the town site of Chicago at one time for a pair of boots, they "haven't the boots." We know that eastern capitalists are generally afraid of western investments, but good real estate in a good town, held under perfect title, and which will yield twelve per cent clear of taxes and insurance, and is constantly appreciating in value, ought to be attractive to men who are glad to get three or four per cent on their money at home, in the same kind of property. There is a present and pressing demand in Albuquerque for at least \$250,000 in such improvements as we have reference to.

**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!**  
Whenever we hear a man make the remark which we have quoted in the caption of this article, we immediately interview him, to find out where he is from, and whether he proposes to locate here, for we take it for granted without asking him, that he is a newcomer, since anyone who has lived for any length of time in Albuquerque accepts the beautiful day as a matter of course—he becomes so accustomed to the perfect

weather that he doesn't expect any other kind, and beautiful days are too common to call for any remarks, but let a day that is not beautiful intrude itself upon us, and everybody will remark it, and everybody will talk about it. There are sections of the United States which we might name, where the thoroughly agricultural is an exception, and a rare exception, when it is not too hot or too cold, and when it is not too wet or too dry, and when we don't care about it.

SEVEN members of the India acid brand party purchased a section of land near Raton, and will plant the whole of it in fruit trees, and weather as the thing to be expected, and say nothing about it, but a day that is not right is something that attracts attention, and every day is different at that. But New Mexico has reversed the rule, and sets a good example, and weather as the thing to be expected, and say nothing about it, but a day that is not right is something that attracts attention, and every day is different at that.

The Socorro commercial club is incorporated, and in excellent working order. This club does a great benefit to the Socorro city.

The fire-day plant at Socorro is giving employment to forty men, and the producer expects to find found anywhere in the country.

The Socorro Advertiser is enlarged

advertisingly increased. It liberally prints the two papers at Socorro and put them in the mail.

The Arizona school of mines has

had its first location. These schools

are destined to do much toward developing the mineral resources of the southwest.

There is a growing feeling in favor of statehood in New Mexico. The next time a constitution is submitted to the people it will carry by a large majority.

The sum of \$25,000,000 will be expended in the construction of the W. F. D. Fire roads in the event of war, less the expenses of a number of roads damaged by the Indians. The United States has an enormous amount of unoccupied land which will be secured, but it will be open to the Indians to damage the armored vessels of commerce.

The year can be the ground and you can see the fact that the time is now while owing to speedier inventions we can do a very short time. It is now evident that the rate of a hundred miles per day.

For the modification of the Australian water law adopted in Pennsylvania is claimed by the promoters to be mainly a measure to save the country from

the effects of a great flood.

A petition signed by citizens

asking that J. H. Muller, justice of the peace for precinct No. 12, be appointed receiver, was read and referred to the committee.

A petition from M. P. Stamm and

Jesse M. Wheeler, to erect one-story brick building on the corner of Second

and Silver streets, was read and referred to the street committee.

A petition from H. N. Jaffa, asking

that that street be put in the same

condition as the sewer work, was

read and referred to the street committee.

A communication from Donald Mc-

Kee, sewer inspector, relative to the

construction of the sewer, was referred to the sewer committee with full power to act.

A communication from the Water

Supply company, notifying the council

that six more hydrants had been placed

in service and comprising of the care-

less manner in which the driver of the

city spraying wagon uses the hydrants,

was read and referred to the sewer com-

munity.

A communication from Marshal Mu-

ller in regard to the city corral was

read and filed.

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ller, stating that he had changed the

tree sprinker, was referred to the street committee.

A communication from A. A. Robi-

nson, second vice president and gen-

eral manager of the Santa Fe system, to

the several members of the commit-

tee, was read and referred to the city

attorney, who is to confer with the sewer

committee.

A communication from E. J. Post &

Co., making application for plumbers

and drain layers' license, was granted.

A communication from William Kie-

ster, consulting sewer engineer, enclos-

ing an order for the council to pay E. A.

Post \$75.00, was read and on motion of

Alderman Kaster, second by Alderman

Hunt, a warrant was drawn for the amount.

Clerk's report read and showed as

follows: Warrants issued for interest on bonds of \$800, \$450; license collected, \$497.50; credited by treasurer's receipt, \$497.50.

Warrants were ordered drawn for the

pay roll for the month of October as

follows:

R. W. Hopkins, clerk..... \$ 50.00

A. C. Grogan, treasurer..... 25.00

W. B. Deacon, attorney..... 50.00

W. S. Sear, marshal..... 150.00

Frank Van Loozen, policeman..... 100.00

John Chaves y Pino..... 75.00

A. B. Poffy..... 75.00

Peter Ishober, jailor..... 25.00

Chas. Boston, teamster..... 60.00

William Ravel, janitor..... 24.00

Marshal's report read and showed as

follows: Fines collected, \$64; on hand

from last week, \$5; credited by trea-

surer's receipt, \$60; number of arrests, 22;

prisoners in jail, 7.

The water committee reported favor-

ably upon the extension of water main

on Fifth street from Tijeras road to Roma

avenue, adopted.

The board of health reported that they

had investigated the nuisance in the

southern part of the city, complained of

by S. B. Cone, and could find nothing

to indicate a nuisance and recommended that the petition be laid on the table.

The report of the police committee, in

regard to the salary of officers, was taken

up. It was moved by Alderman Hunt,

seconded by Alderman Bowman, that the

report be laid on the table. The motion

lost.

On motion of Alderman Kaster, second-

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

In case of war with Chile, Albuquerque is fixed. It has Major Berry and a

company of the 1st New Mexico, and the climate and soil of New Mexico continue to render this territory the best wine-growing district in the country, notwithstanding California.

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